

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAYOR: Louie A. Trujillo

COUNCILORS: David G. Romero
Elaine Rodriquez **Absent**
Michael L. Montoya *Arrived at 5:35 PM*
David A. Ulibarri, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT: William Taylor, City Manager
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk
Scott Aaron, City Attorney
Adrian Crespín, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Trujillo took a moment to recognize all the Veterans in the community, all the men and women who served in wartimes and in peace times and remembrance for those who served in the Korean war, Vietnam war, World War I and II and all the Bataan Death March survivors and those who have passed on.

Councilor Ulibarri asked for a moment of silence for a close friend of his that recently passed away and to keep his family in our prayers.

Councilor Romero asked for a moment of silence for a couple in the community that is gravely sick with covid and to keep them in our prayers.

Mayor Trujillo also asked for a moment of silence for the family and survivors involved in the horrific murder that occurred on Sunday and to keep the family in our prayers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS AND RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Trujillo advised Small Business Saturday would be held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 and encouraged everyone to make a pledge to shop locally during the holiday season. City Clerk Fresquez read the proclamation.

Bill Hendrickson introduced new employee Ben Maynes who is the Land/Zoning and Licensing Supervisor from the Community Development Department.

COUNCILOR'S REPORTS

Councilor Montoya thanked City Manager Taylor and employees for cleaning up areas on Legion and Railroad and also for patching up potholes. Councilor Montoya also advised City Manager Taylor and staff worked diligently with Mora County Commissioner Veronica Serna with the RTD program.

Councilor Ulibarri Jr., thanked Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson and employees for handling code enforcement issues.

Mayor Trujillo thanked the Public Works Department and other departments that helped with cleaning the roads during the last snow storm.

Councilor Romero thanked City Manager Taylor, Community Development Director Hendrickson, and Land/Zoning and Licensing Supervisor Ben Maynes for addressing properties he asked them to look into. Councilor Romero advised that Councilor Rodriguez asked him to mention employees not returning phone calls. Councilor Romero also spoke about local contact tracing within the City to help with the State being overwhelmed.

Mayor Trujillo advised the City is looking into using an app for contact tracing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes for October 14th and 21st, 2020. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Groundworks Studio gave a lengthy presentation on the concept design for the southern section of the Gallinas Riverwalk project.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry along with Solid Waste Manager Lucas Marquez and Solid Waste Supervisor Gilbert Jaramillo gave a lengthy presentation regarding customer concerns at Solid Waste such as hours of operation, why the facility needs to close when they are at full capacity or during bad weather and the number of residential and commercial vehicles they have.

Discussion and questions took place regarding the Solid Waste department working with Code Enforcement to stop illegal dumping, the littering ordinance with the highest fines in New Mexico and working on a Solid Waste rate study.

Utilities Director Maria Gilvarry along with Field Customer Service Supervisor Jared Jaramillo, Consumption Clerk Josephine Sena and Customer Service Manager Jodi Marquez gave a lengthy presentation regarding customer concerns such as how meters are read automatically and if needed they will do it manually, how billing is done and credits for those who have had a water leak.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution No. 20-66 to set the duration, terms and duties of the Charter Review Commission and approve the seven named persons as members of the Charter Review Commission: Christine Ludi, Matt Martinez, Francisco Apodaca, Stephen Salas, Greg Salazar, Lee Einer and Scott Aaron.

City Attorney Scott Aaron advised he received some information regarding the resolution that would have to be changed due to a statement in the current City Charter under boards and commission which states, “no member of the governing body, nor any appointed official or employee shall serve on any board or commission”. City Attorney Aaron recommended adding another person to make up the seven members of the Charter Review Commission and the possibility of City Attorney Aaron being the ex-officio non-voting member.

Mayor Trujillo asked if they could strike out City Attorney Aaron’s name, approve the names on the list and add the name of someone else.

City Attorney Aaron advised if they have a name then yes the name could be added.

Mayor Trujillo asked Councilor Montoya if he wanted to add one of the people he had recommended.

Councilor Montoya advised yes and recommended Sandra Madrid and asked what section of the charter City Attorney referenced.

City Attorney Aaron advised it was Article 6, section 6.01 (F). City Attorney Aaron recommended having a motion to add Sandra Madrid’s name and change City Attorney Scott Aaron appointed as ex-officio member and then vote to approve the resolution with those modifications.

Councilor Romero made a motion to add Sandra Madrid and to appoint City Attorney Scott Aaron as ex-officio. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding a recommendation to include in the resolution to give monthly reports to the Governing Body regarding their progress and possible input from the public.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution No. 20-66. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion.

Resolution 20-66 was presented as follows:

***CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
Resolution No. 20-66***

A RESOLUTION TO SET THE DURATION, TERMS AND DUTIES OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by Section 1.05 of the City Charter to set the duration of the commission and such other terms and duties; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is required by Section 1.05 of the City Charter to approve a Commission of seven (7) members to review the City Charter ("Commission").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body approves the following seven named persons as members of the Charter Review Commission, and directs said Commission as follows:

1. Christine Ludi, Matt Martinez, Francisco Apodaca, Stephen Salas, Greg Salazar, Lee Einer and Sandra Madrid are hereby appointed as Commission members, with Scott Aaron appointed as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Commission.

2. The Commission is hereby instructed to review the initial draft as compiled by Scott Aaron as a starting point, and to report monthly to the Governing Body regarding the Commission's progress and any suggested amendments.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of November, 2020.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. The Lodgers Tax Advisory Board requests to award \$500.00 to the Las Vegas Arts Council for advertising.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson spoke about awarding \$500.00 to the Las Vegas Arts Council for an advertisement campaign to promote galleries in the city.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the request to award \$500.00 to the Las Vegas Arts Council for advertising. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

3. Request approval of contract with AOS for a conservation assessment of the main roof, analysis of rear addition demolition, and working drawings for repair scope of the Old City Hall Building.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson spoke about funding for the assessment of the main roof of the Old City Hall.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the contract with AOS for a conservation assessment of the main roof, analysis of rear addition demolition, and working drawings for repair scope of the Old City Hall Building. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

4. Resolution No. 20-65 authorizing the appraisal of a portion of right-of-way off of Valencia Street (south side) behind the Plaza Hotel.

Community Development Director Bill Hendrickson spoke about the appraisal of a city owned right-of-way behind the Plaza Hotel to be purchased by the Plaza Hotel to beautify the current parking area.

Mayor Trujillo stated for the record “it is only that piece of property directly behind the Plaza Hotel that serves as parking for the Plaza Hotel.”

Councilor Montoya asked if the Fire inspector or Fire Chief approved of the right-of-way due to the street on Valencia being narrow, what will be done during the Fiestas for parking and if other businesses could utilize it.

Community Development Director Hedrickson advised there would be no obstruction to the road and was discussed with Utilities.

Councilor Romero wanted to clarify the parking would be behind the Plaza Hotel between Valencia Street by the Bank and the Plaza Hotel currently uses the parking and would be taken back to council for the approval of sale.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution No. 20-65. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion.

Resolution 20-65 was presented as follows:

**City of Las Vegas, New Mexico
Resolution No. 20-65**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPRAISAL OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS PER ATTACHED SURVEY

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas (“City”) is the record owner of that certain Right-of-Way on the south side of Valencia Street, abutting the Plaza Hotel and shown in detail as 0.112 acres on the Boundary Survey of a Portion of the Right-of-Way of Valencia Street attached hereto as Exhibit A (“Property”); and

WHEREAS, the City desires to sell, and the Plaza Hotel desires to purchase, the Property pursuant to NMSA 3-54-1 and City Resolution 06-08; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals and exhibits are incorporated herein by reference, and the Governing Body hereby approves and instructs the Community Development department to obtain an appraisal of the Property to determine the value of the Property.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ day of November, 2020.

Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	No	David A. Ulibarri Jr.	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding improvements around the Plaza and improvements done by the Plaza Hotel.

5. Request for permission to destroy records included on the lists from the various departments of the City of Las Vegas.

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez gave a brief presentation regarding permission for the City Clerk's Office to destroy eligible records from the various departments of the City of Las Vegas. City Clerk Fresquez advised they will do it as often as needed with permission from Council.

Discussion took place regarding the different amount of time needed to keep records.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the request for permission to destroy records included on the lists from the various departments of the City of Las Vegas. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilor Romero made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pertaining to employees in the organizational chart, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 for bargaining matters and employee compensation. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

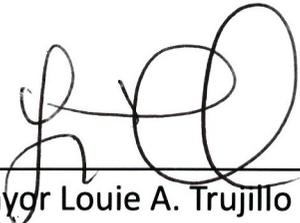
Councilor Romero made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and for bargaining matters and employee compensation and only those matters specified were discussed and no action was taken. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Councilor Romero made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri Jr., seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mayor Trujillo advised the motion carried.



Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk